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# SAN JOSE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL THROUGHLINES

OF AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION







The SJCS Throughlines are **actions and practices** intentionally **infused into every program, at every level.**

# A LOVE FOR GOD

*GROWING BELIEVERS who understand who God is and what His will is for the world*

- Seek truth with a sense of wonder and fear of the Lord
- Celebrate who God is, what He has done, and what He created
- Bear the image of God, secure in their identities in Christ
- Live in a worshipful, dependent relationship with God
- Identify and use their spiritual gifts
- Understand a Biblical worldview and gain strong Biblical literacy
- Possess hope, share the truth with others, and defend

*"Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:13*

*HEALTHY PEOPLE who strive for well-being in every aspect of their lives*

- Seek physical health, vitality, and fitness
- Develop emotional and social maturity, using humor appropriately
- Strive for spiritual health through prayer, Scripture reading, and church attendance
- Display self-awareness and attentiveness to their own well-being
- Maintain a balanced lifestyle
- Use athletics to glorify God
- Hold a loving self image as well as a loving view of others, both the friend and the stranger

*"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*



# A DESIRE TO LEARN

*ACTIVE LEARNERS who take ownership of their education and strive to do their best in every aspect of their learning*

- Hold high standards of performance and achievement
- Create beauty and appreciate the arts
- Learn with persistence, focus, self-control, and a strong work ethic
- Take responsible risks and self-reflect, viewing mistakes and setbacks as opportunities to learn
- Value precision and novel applications of knowledge
- Ask questions and pursue each subject with curiosity as a lifelong learner
- Take initiative and engage in self-directed learning

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23*

*EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS who speak, write, and listen purposefully and skillfully*

- Express ideas/understandings clearly in a variety of forms (and languages)
- Demonstrate high levels of skill in writing, speaking, and listening
- Display honesty, integrity, and godly manners
- Build others up and demonstrate empathy
- Ask productive and meaningful questions
- Possess media literacy and use various media and technologies to convey ideas richly

*"A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." Proverbs 25:11*







SJCS Throughlines have been designed to **incorporate ideas of Christian discipleship** as well as **21st century skills, habits of mind, and high academic standards**. By using them as guides, we can help students develop a clear picture of what it means to be **an authentic Christian learner in all aspects of their lives**.



# A DESIRE TO LEARN

***WISE DECISION MAKERS** who use discernment to guide their actions and choices*

- Practice discernment
- Apply prior knowledge to current issues
- Gather information/data from all senses
- Employ reason and flexible problem solving
- Analyze situations and adapt as needed
- Recognize the fallen nature of the world (understand Creation/Fall/Redemption/Restoration)
- Plan ahead with prudence and manage time effectively

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. Philippians 1:9-10*

***COLLABORATIVE WORKERS** who learn together in a community where everyone can contribute and excel*

- Think interdependently and cooperate with others
- Demonstrate courage, flexibility, and respect
- Display interpersonal skills
- Contribute to the group while recognizing the gifts and contributions of others
- Listen to others and value their opinions
- Recognize individual roles and responsibilities
- Work as a team, practicing forgiveness and reconciliation when problems arise

*"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12*



# A COMMITMENT TO SERVE

***HUMBLE SERVANTS** who put the needs of others before their own*

- Act in caring and principled ways
- Consider others' needs and willingly serve them
- Strive proactively to improve quality of life for others
- Sacrifice personal gain/comfort and exercise patience when dealing with others
- Give freely of their time and gifts
- Receive gratefully

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4*

***RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS** who use their gifts and manage their resources to further God's kingdom*

- Productively use the gifts they are given
- Serve as informed caretakers of creation
- Treat the world and nature with respect
- Balance their wants/needs with those of others
- Consider future generations
- Live up to their potential
- Gain financial literacy and use resources to bring glory and express gratitude to God

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)*





# A COMMITMENT TO SERVE

*ENGAGED CITIZENS who follow Christ by seeking to create peace and rectify injustice*

- Love justice and mercy while seeking peace (shalom)
- Honor diversity, respect others, and recognize their right to hold different ideas and beliefs
- Demonstrate godly leadership qualities
- Live as active and responsible citizens
- Identify and rectify injustices in order to restore dignity
- Act fairly, heal brokenness, and bring joy
- Keep informed and understand what's happening in the world and other cultures

*"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8*

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## YOUR REFLECTIONS



In essence, Throughlines encourage us to **join God, His people, and creation** itself **to bring redemption and restoration**, God's kingdom, here on earth!